

- (iii) *Low cost care for people living with HIV/AIDS*:—Under this component, NGOs are provided financial assistance for low cost home based and community care centres.

The total fund allocations made to NGOs for the above activities for the year 2001-2002 is Rs. 40.5 crores.

Grant of licences to operate guest houses in residential areas of Delhi

†*215. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give licences to operate "Guest-houses" in residential areas of Delhi;

(b) whether this will also be applicable on the private companies in Hauz Khas and Safdarjung Development Area which have built guest houses in these areas; and

(c) the action, Government have taken in this direction, so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Guest houses are permitted in residential plots of minimum size of 219 sq. metres and facing a minimum road width of 18 metres wide (9 metres in special areas and 13.5 metres in rehabilitation colonies) subject to certain conditions such as minimum road frontage, parking facilities, payment of licence fees etc. These guidelines are applicable to the entire National Capital Territory of Delhi and also to private sector companies who have constructed guest houses in residential areas. Only in special areas as delineated in the Master Plan 2001, guest houses already operating were permitted even if they do not conform to norms of minimum plot areas and road width. The local bodies and development authorities process the applications for permission to guest houses in residential areas in accordance with the said guidelines.

Infant mortality rate in Karnataka

*216. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present infant mortality rate in Karnataka;

(b) the action, if any, taken to reduce the infant mortality rate in the State; and

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